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6. One of the two jet fighter types had three rods, each about 20 inches, protruding beyond nose compartment. Some jet fighters had a cigar-shaped body under the wing tips. All aircraft were painted a bright silver.
7. The jet fighters flew mostly in close V formation of four to six planes at an altitude of about 1,000 feet. Not more than eight planes were seen aloft at the same time. After one or two local flights the planes landed individually.
8. No night flying or night lights were seen.
9. A small airfield was about three miles north of OREL.

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Comment:

a. The information on the stage of construction and occupation of the field west of OREL confirms previous reports. It is still assumed that, in addition to commercial aircraft, a fighter school for retraining on jet aircraft is also stationed there. According to a previous report it was assumed that the school was equipped with conventional aircraft of a LA model but this report indicates that a Yak type is concerned. Further reports are required for clarification. According to the above description and previous reports, it is assumed that the jet aircraft are MIG-9s and Yak-17s (sic). The possibility that wing tip tanks are fitted to the jet aircraft also seems to be confirmed by this report (cigar-shaped body at wing tips mentioned in para 6).

b. The reported airfield north of OREL presumably is the field mentioned in a previous report *.
No details are available.

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